

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LONDON 07621 151638Z
ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 ICA-11
TRSE-00 SOE-02 DOE-15 CIAE-00 COME-00 NSC-05 /054 W
-----105602 151741Z /64
R 151631Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON
TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 6126
AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 07621

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: ESTC, COCOM
SUBJECT: REPORT ON MULTILATERAL COORDINATION OF EXPORT
CONTROLS

REF: (A) PRAGUE 1186; (B) LONDON 7551 (NOTAL)

1. SECURING UKG VIEW ON QUESTION OF DECLASSIFYING COCOM
PROCEDURES HAS BEEN COMPLICATED BY SITUATION IN FCO
DESCRIBED IN REF B, I.E., THAT HEAD OF TRADE RELATIONS
AND EXPORTS DEPT, HIS DEPUTY AND THIRD OFFICIAL WHO ALSO
MET WITH MAJAK IN JANUARY ARE TRAVELING OR HAVE BEEN
POSTED ABROAD; IN FACT, HALF OF STAFF OF 25 OR SO HAVE
BEEN REPLACED IN PAST 30 DAYS.

2. HOWEVER, WHEN QUERIED FCO OFFICIAL DIRECTLY CONCERNED
WITH COCOM MATTERS EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT SUGGESTION OF
DECLASSIFICATION, STATING THAT INFO RE COCOM MATTERS IS
CLOSELY HELD EVEN BETWEEN PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS.
HE SAID THAT RECENT "DAILY TELEGRAPH" STORY ON FRENCH
ARMS TO CHINA (WHICH APPARENTLY ALLUDED TO COCOM ARRANGE-
MENTS) HAD CAUSED DISTRESS, AND DESCRIBED RECENT ROW
WHEN UK BUSINESSMAN SEEKING EXPORT LICENSE FROM DEPART-
MENT OF TRADE REVEALED SOME KNOWLEDGE OF COCOM WORKINGS.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LONDON 07621 151638Z

OFFICIAL SAID DOT TECHNICIANS DEALING WITH BUSINESSMEN
HAD BEEN CAUTIONED TO WITHHOLD MENTION OF COCOM MACHINERY

3. THIS VERSION JIBES WITH LONDON EDO'S RECOLLECTION OF
MAJAK INTERVIEW AT FCO, WHEN THEN-DEPARTMENT HEAD MELLON
TOLD VISITOR THAT EVEN USE OF WORD "COCOM" IS CLASSIFIED
IN UKG.

BREWSTER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, POLICIES, EXPORT CONTROLS, MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978LONDON07621
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780205-0644
Format: TEL
From: LONDON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780559/aaaabxud.tel
Line Count: 64
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c2871c9f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 PRAGUE 1186, 78 LONDON 7551
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2690656
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REPORT ON MULTILATERAL COORDINATION OF EXPORT CONTROLS
TAGS: ESTC, UK, US, COCOM
To: PRAGUE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c2871c9f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014